

House Resolution No.

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas, cherished residents of Buffalo, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Sixty-seventh Wedding Anniversary on June 27, 2004; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on June 27, 1937, William Hadley Thomas and Willie Hazel Hobbs began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony officiated by the Reverend Gordon Lockey at the home of the groom's family in Springfield; and

Whereas, named after Governor Herbert S. Hadley who had a flat tire in front of the Thomas farm on his way to make a speech in Urbana in 1911, Mr. Thomas provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a co-owner with his father of the National Commission Company of Springfield for 14 years, co-owner with his brother and later sole owner of the Ford Agency in Buffalo for 15 years, the owner of an order buying live stock commission company at the age of 49, employee of MFA order buying live stock commission for 16 years (from which he retired in 1977 at more than 65 years of age), Director of O'Bannon Banking Company for 16 years, and rancher and owner of a 2,800 acre ranch for twelve years while somehow finding the time and energy for affiliation with the Buffalo Saddle Club and the Shriner's Club, of which he has been a loyal and faithful member for 55 years; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, exemplary homemaker, and accomplished oil painter and artist who has written poetry and a book about her beloved husband entitled Things You Should Know About Your Father, William Hadley Thomas, Mrs. Thomas enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as Deputy Recorder of Dallas County for 4 years, employee of O'Bannon Banking Company for 23 years, and Past Matron and Member of the Order of the Eastern Star; and

Whereas, devout members of the United Methodist Church of Buffalo for 47 years who have traveled extensively with their Farm Group to Alaska, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, Holland, England, France, Germany, and Switzerland, William and Willie Thomas attribute their sixty-seven years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their three daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy Jane and Darrell Lilley of Buffalo, Sally Ann and Henry Cook of Springfield, and Diana Sue and Larry Grant of Morrisville; and their six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for William and Willie Thomas upon the glorious celebration of their Sixty-seventh Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace and contentment as they proudly continue their journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas.

Offered by _____
Representative Larry D. Wilson
District No. 119

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted

_____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker

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